

Remarks

Claims 9, 10, 12, 19-21, 33, 34, 36, 43, and 44 have been amended.

Claims 4, 11, 29, and 35 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-28, 30-34, and 36- 53 are pending.

In the Office Action, Applicants received an IDS (originally received by the USPTO on January 24, 2003) that was signed but did not include the initials of the Examiner next to each of the cited foreign patent documents. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that this IDS be so initialed and a copy provided in the next mailing from the USPTO.

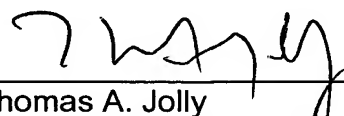
Objections were raised in the Office Action under 37 CFR 1.75(c) regarding claims 4, 11, 29 and 35. These claims have been cancelled.

Informality objections were raised in the Office Action regarding claims 9, 10, 19, 21, 33, 34, and 43. These claims have been amended as suggested or otherwise to address specific objections. Additionally, similar amendments and/or changed antecedent-basis amendments were made to claims 12, 20, 36, and 44.

As a result of this amendment, in accord with the Office Action, pending Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-28, 30-34, and 36- 53 are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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